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The response filed on 3/03/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior office actions mailed on 1/27/2003 and 9/19/2001 for the following reason(s). The requirement for restriction mailed on 9/19/2001 required restriction among inventions 1-75, as set forth on pages 2-4 of that office action. ,The Applicant's response filed on 10/24/02, in which Applicants cancelled the original claims and submitted new claims 44-92, was found to be non-responsive because Applicants did not specifically elect an invention. In the action mailed on 1/27/2003, the previous Examiner indicated that new claims 44-46, 48-60, 62-69, and 70-78 read on original Group 1, claims 44-45, 47-59, 61-79 read on original Group 2, claims 80-90 read on original Group 3, claims 80-90 read on original Group 4, claims 91-92 read on original Group 5, and claims 91-92 read on original group 6. Original groups 7-75 were drawn to covalent conjugates comprising a truncated apolipoprotein. Thus, it was not clear which invention Applicants intended to elect with the submission of the new claims. In the Applicants response received on 3/03/2003, the Applicants elected the apolipoprotein ApoB23, which the Applicants stated is assigned to Group 22. The Applicants further elected the species of antibody as the heterologous moiety, phosphatidylcholine as the species of polar lipid, and triglyceride as the species of neutral lipid.

This response is deemed unresponsive because it is not clear which, if any, of new claims 44-92 read on original group 22, drawn to a covalent conjugate. Applicants are hereby required to indicate which of the newly presented claims read on the elected group 22 and not on original groups 1-6.

Finally, regarding Applicants traversal of the original restriction requirement on the basis that original claim 39 is a linking claim that cannot thus be part of other groups, it noted that this claim has now been cancelled, making this argument moot.

Because the reply received on 3/03/2003 appears to be bona fide, Applicants is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bruce D. Hissong, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-3324. The Examiner can normally be reached M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are not successful, the Examiners supervisor, Gary Nickol, Ph.D., can be reached at (571) 272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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